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10 August 1981

Mr. Edward C. Vest  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
314 East 11th Street  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

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Dear Mr. Vest:

I am writing you for two purposes.

First, I would like to accept EPA's invitation, extended by Mr. Bob Fenemore at the 8 July 1981 Pine Ford scoping meeting, to participate in that study as a cooperating agency. The environmental problems within the Big River basin, particularly those relating to heavy metals contamination, will certainly tax the expertise of both our agencies.

Secondly, I would like to invite your agency to view and discuss the heavy metals problem in an upcoming field trip. Mr. Larry George, U.S. Bureau of Mines, has invited Corps' personnel to view and discuss measures they are studying for the stabilization of lead tailings piles. We, in turn, would like to extend this same invitation to you. We are requesting that your agency restrict itself to two representatives because we are limited by the number of four-wheel drive vehicles available to reach some of the sites.

The meeting has been arranged for 19 August 1981. We will meet at Rosener's restaurant, Highway 67 North, in Flat River at 11 a.m. After a short discussion and lunch, the group will examine some of the lead tailings piles, at least one of which contains a vegetation test plot.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your offer to actively participate in the Pine Ford study. We look forward to close cooperation with your agency in the next several months. If you have any questions pertaining to the upcoming field trip or the Pine Ford study in general, you may contact the study manager, Mr. Dave Leake, at (314) 263-5015.

Sincerely,

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